

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1941.													
July ...	24	39	74	46	47	28	45	84	67	37	60	16	40
August ...	30	38	48	18	37	35	39	43	41	19	59	89	38
September ...	22	59	89	37	56	34	56	46	47	15	19	121	30
October ...	95	71	66	54	75	119	73	67	75	24	113	77	53
November ...	98	69	62	99	78	75	68	62	65	102	65	67	88
December ...	13	35	45	54	34	12	36	43	38	30	23	39	30
1942.													
January...	42	36	28	27	34	29	29	32	31	32	18	11	26
February ...	157	127	150	165	147	143	137	169	158	233	111	69	180
March ...	84	79	74	42	74	96	75	63	70	51	207	183	108
April ...	5	9	47	68	27	1	10	57	37	57	22	30	45
May ...	90	231	255	202	196	102	223	271	237	34	21	48	32
June ...	83	144	127	115	118	89	149	128	128	69	94	54	73
July ...	251	142	72	133	149	295	130	68	113	72	148	32	86
August ...	30	69	120	41	72	36	79	130	105	32	37	14	31
September ...	50	95	80	45	72	57	92	76	78	24	20	24	23

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40, 536,907,000 lb. in 1940-41, and 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42.

Under agreement with the British Government the wool clips of Australia are being disposed of by appraisalment for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. The agreed average price for seasons 1939-40 to 1941-42 was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian Currency, per lb. This price has been increased to 12·3625d. sterling or 15·4531d. Australian Currency per lb., commencing with the 1942-43 clip.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
July ...	53,933	86,083	80,397	67,442	53,933	86,083	80,397	67,442
August ...	159,420	217,280	191,662	128,260	213,353	303,363	272,059	195,702
September ...	357,205	276,849	269,889	180,883	570,558	580,212	541,948	376,585
October ...	332,084	290,271	288,766	.....	902,642	870,483	830,714	.....
November...	189,868	168,109	166,462	.....	1,092,510	1,038,592	997,176	.....
December ...	64,573	46,775	63,866	.....	1,157,083	1,085,367	1,061,042	.....
January ...	23,617	17,462	24,821	.....	1,180,700	1,102,829	1,085,863	.....
February ...	24,229	28,676	31,461	.....	1,204,929	1,131,505	1,117,324	.....
March ...	29,138	34,609	29,000	.....	1,234,067	1,166,114	1,146,324	.....
April ...	35,716	37,414	43,583	.....	1,269,783	1,203,528	1,189,907	.....
May ...	31,711	38,423	36,173	.....	1,301,494	1,241,951	1,226,080	.....
June ...	44,240	29,758	37,597	.....	1,345,734	1,271,709	1,263,677	.....

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average 1932-33	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1941-42	4,665,000	4,303,000	55,308,000	12.9
1938-39	5,246,000	4,651,000	59,898,000	12.9
1939-40	4,681,000	4,381,000	76,552,000	17.5
1940-41	4,866,000	4,454,000	23,933,000	5.4
1941-42	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12.2

4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in factories in the eight months ended August, 1942, was 18 per cent. less than in the corresponding period last season.

The British Government purchased under contract Australian butter as follows:— 1939-40, 75,500 tons; 1940-41, 100,000 tons; choicest and first grade only—1941-42, 60,000 tons; 1942-43, 70,000 tons. The contract price for choicest is 137s. 2½d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports. The price for local consumption which was fixed at 158s. 8d. per cwt. (wholesale) on June 8, 1938, was increased on 6th March, 1942, to 166s. 10d.

Month.	Output of Butter—(New South Wales factories).				
	Average, 1934 to 1936.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
	Thousand lb.				
Year ended 30th June ...	134,163	113,841	112,020	103,683	85,116
Eight m'ths ended August	82,130	75,688	64,392	68,832	56,498
January ...	16,731	9,708	12,629	14,453	6,664
February ...	14,442	10,826	10,602	12,786	8,311
March ...	14,677	12,137	9,562	11,743	10,116
April ...	11,508	11,880	9,165	8,682	8,642
May ...	8,244	10,456	7,286	6,756	6,789
June ...	5,856	7,741	5,059	5,183	5,467
July ...	5,084	6,585	5,047	4,592	5,163
August ...	5,588	6,355	5,042	4,638	5,346

5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
	Thousand £.				Hundreds.				Hundred £.			
January ...	2,738	3,212	3,465	4,519	231	235	257	282	950	1,004	1,124	1,459
February ...	3,070	3,468	4,074	4,768	232	239	267	282	964	1,015	1,218	1,484
March ...	3,406	3,562	4,196	5,097	229	239	272	280	961	1,024	1,246	1,477
April ...	2,791	3,581	4,011	4,904	230	232	272	278	939	973	1,194	1,513
May ...	3,242	3,498	4,300	4,925	230	231	276	278	954	964	1,302	1,517
June ...	3,013	3,083	4,017	5,077	228	236	280	277	927	1,033	1,292	1,564
July ...	2,961	3,512	4,638	5,410	228	241	284	277	950	1,072	1,353	1,531
August ...	3,386	3,520	4,264	5,003	230	243	283	277	954	1,069	1,380	1,532
September ...	3,669	3,634	4,746	...	231	248	269	...	974	1,088	1,365	...
October ...	3,421	3,969	4,994	...	236	252	285	...	992	1,114	1,428	...
November ...	3,841	3,911	4,729	...	239	257	289	...	1,018	1,145	1,467	...
December ...	3,606	4,147	5,398	...	240	258	288	...	1,045	1,177	1,555	...
Average (January-December)	3,262	3,591	4,403	...	232	243	277	...	969	1,056	1,327	...

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 20.

6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

(a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Year.	Month of September.				June Quarter.		
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Industrial and Rural Towns.	Total, New South Wales.*	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.		New Buildings.	New Buildings and Additions.	
			No. of Permits.	Value.	No. of Permits.	Value.	
	£	£		£		£	£
1939 ...	799,839	91,128	420	597,073	1,168	919,811	4,647,052
1940 ...	840,318	63,659	555	679,309	923	793,644	4,298,694
1941 ...	926,695	73,587	663	739,016	877	737,268	4,521,581
1942 ...	129,700	18,181	12	24,100	265	204,480	603,941

* Including seven Shires adjoining Metropolitan Area. With few exceptions Shires do not supply returns.

(b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The following dissection of private building permits granted in Sydney and Suburbs and in 129 Industrial and Rural Towns in N.S.W. shows the total value for each of the principal classes of building:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Month of September—	<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>						
1940	373	67	168	82	33	117	840
1941	518	85	139	132	7	46	927
1942	4	3	...	106	5	12	130
Nine Months ended 30th September—							
1940	3,528	728	1,593	691	285	1,322	8,147
1941	4,554	740	1,868	900	180	489	8,731
1942	155	63	21	601	20	150	1,010
June Quarter—	<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>						
1941	202	393	36	100	54	175	960
1942	55	124	4	12	9	61	265
Year ended 30th June—							
1940	729	1,735	93	142	333	874	3,906
1941	645	1,429	96	267	203	839	3,479
1942	510	1,195	55	148	85	393	2,386

Includes (a) conversions to flats; (b) shops with dwellings attached.

(c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to totals for private building shown above, values of contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales, excluding buildings authorised or constructed by the Allied Works Council, were as follow:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).			
	Month of September.		Nine Months ended 30th Sept.	
	1941.*	1942.	1941.*	1942.
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Sydney and Suburbs ...	155	88	1,351	822
Remainder of State ...	356	345	1,937	2,681
Total, New South Wales ...	511	433	3,288	3,503

* Revised.

NOTE—Temporary structures for protection against Air Raids and alterations for this purpose are, in general, excluded.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
Million £.							
Year ended 31st December ...	161·87	191·83	192·97	200·29	202·79	229·03	...
January ...	11·27	13·74	14·21	13·24	16·33	15·83	18·69
February ...	12·72	14·64	15·73	16·54	14·64	17·48	19·39
March ...	13·11	15·43	15·79	15·78	16·97	17·40	19·53
April ...	13·45	16·45	16·83	15·79	17·88	19·06	19·19
May ...	13·44	16·50	16·87	17·46	14·85	18·75	20·72
June ...	13·21	14·98	14·98	14·88	17·07	21·76	18·93
July ...	14·17	16·55	16·23	15·28	16·74	17·63	19·17
August ...	13·13	16·27	15·28	16·81	17·17	20·41	20·86
September ...	13·77	16·28	17·45	19·44	17·48	21·60	...
October ...	15·10	16·47	15·66	19·22	18·50	18·25	...
November ...	14·52	17·35	16·93	17·53	18·13	20·58	...
December ...	13·98	17·17	17·00	18·32	17·03	20·28	...

8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—	Percentage increase + or decrease —							
1936	303	304	+ 6·2	+ 4·7	+ 6·4	+ 4·9		
1937	304	303	+ 7·7	+ 4·8	+ 10·5	+ 3·7		
1938	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1941								
August	27*	26*	+ 16·3	+ 9·5	+ 9·2	+ 2·9	+ 20·8	+ 10·6
September	24	26	+ 20·3	+ 10·5	+ 12·2	+ 5·2	+ 15·4	+ 10·9
October	26	26*	+ 18·1	+ 13·9	+ 12·6	+ 6·9	+ 18·3	+ 11·3
November	26*	25	+ 7·4	+ 16·2	+ 8·8	+ 5·7	+ 15·0	+ 11·1
December... ..	24	25	+ 4·8	+ 21·5	+ 11·2	+ 3·7	+ 9·4	+ 10·8
1942								
January	25*	25	+ 5·5	+ 21·1	+ 8·3	+ 4·6	+ 5·8	+ 9·3
February	24	24	+ 3·4	+ 19·2	+ 4·3	+ 0·7	+ 4·6	+ 8·1
March	26	26	+ 25·9	+ 11·5	+ 4·6	+ 0·6	+ 11·5	+ 5·7
April	23	23	+ 25·6	+ 8·7	+ 7·8	+ 0·1	+ 18·3	+ 5·6
May	27*	26	— 8·7	+ 11·5	— 0·3	— 3·4	+ 11·7	+ 4·0
June	24	25	— 19·1	+ 10·5	— 1·7	— 10·9	— 2·4	+ 1·9
July	27	27	— 15·6	+ 14·7	— 11·8	— 15·1	— 14·3	— 4·9
August	26*	26	+ 5·7	+ 13·4	— 8·5	— 12·5	— 10·2	— 7·5

* Includes five late shopping nights.

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

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SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

9. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of August.			Two months ended 31st August.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1940 ...	2,042,862	1,218,247	824,615	4,053,644	2,421,247	1,632,397
1941 ...	2,075,299	1,419,048	656,251	4,122,801	2,843,670	1,279,131
1942 ...	2,851,143	1,630,148	1,220,995	5,576,791	3,247,590	2,329,201

* Interest and Exchange on loan capital are not included as working expenses.

The amount of interest chargeable against the railways in 1941-42 was £5,389,116, exclusive of £1,180,757 sinking fund, exchange, etc.

	Month of August.		Two months ended 31st August.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1940 ...	1,744	14,945	3,546	30,463
1941 ...	1,312	17,554	2,772	34,326
1942 ...	1,701*	19,924	3,360*	38,176

* Partly estimated.

10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of August—						
1940 ...	342,211	63,732	29,932	26,015	5,565	2,188
1941 ...	392,174	63,475	35,158	32,187	6,846	2,480
1942 ...	422,868	39,323	37,473	41,596	7,765	3,214
Two months ended 31st August—						
1940 ...	687,885	115,286	59,435	51,589	10,979	4,302
1941 ...	788,475	123,402	70,803	63,882	14,053	4,921
1942 ...	835,267	80,200	74,024	82,504	16,707	6,386

* Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (amounting in 1941-42 to £605,000) are not included as working expenses.

† Excludes Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

11. MOTOR VEHICLES.NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES. (Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939. 31st August.	1940.		1941.		1942.		
		30th September.	31st December.	30th September.	31st December.	31st July.	31st August.	30th September.
Cars ...	216,633	204,818	207,446	191,140	188,561	169,993	170,254	170,212
Lorries and Vans ...	77,639	74,720	75,644	74,898	75,509	70,819	70,793	70,640
Trailers ...	6,538	7,104	7,542	7,784	7,658	6,952	6,930	6,921
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,186	1,222	1,296	1,344	1,366	1,364	1,362
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	14,935	15,143	13,771	13,381	10,347	10,299	10,231
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	6,117	6,132	5,686	5,565	4,814	4,795	4,759
Omnibuses ...	794	851	870	869	881	889	891	894
Taxi-cabs ...	1,331	1,356	1,357	1,359	1,359	1,351	1,352	1,352
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	1,038	1,007	919	901	712	712	713
Total ...	329,219	312,125	316,363	297,722	295,159	267,243	267,390	267,084

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.*

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1939 ...	393	417	376	305	322	270	130	151	141	133	146	126
1940 ...	243	176	115	63	88	118	114	103	70	60	53	63
1941 ...	121	89	49	20	21	29	47	46	40	42	45	39
1942 ...	16	17	26	13	17	12	16	10	4	8	4	2

* Excluding trailers.

12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	389,055	423,649	444,522	485,854	503,346
February ...	391,198	427,211	446,927	488,362	500,449
March ...	395,593	427,964	447,310	491,816	502,810
April ...	397,911	428,848	451,218	494,004	503,494
May ...	400,652	431,149	455,162	495,238	500,565
June ...	403,978	433,029	458,155	494,884	500,451
July ...	405,244	433,972	474,228	494,904	504,459
August ...	414,747	431,029	475,761	498,073	504,259
September ...	417,853	432,795	479,485	500,125	†

† Not available.

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits. †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.		
			1940.	1941.	1942.
	£		£	£	£
1930 ...	82,465,430	January ...	86,715,917*	85,571,744*	92,972,902*
1931 ...	69,810,769	February ...	87,167,025*	86,134,543*	90,647,010*
1932 ...	71,647,869	March ...	86,758,977	86,737,258	89,458,641*
1933 ...	72,307,685	April ...	87,055,576*	86,982,416*	91,110,603*
1934 ...	75,714,070	May ...	85,179,395*	86,096,065*	92,925,282*
1935 ...	77,906,402	June† ...	82,110,900	87,750,208	94,537,937
1936 ...	79,999,948	July ...	82,134,989*	88,522,314*	97,330,938*
1937 ...	81,952,399	August ...	83,073,876*	89,717,346*	99,727,345*
1938 ...	86,015,685	September ...	83,827,434	90,734,775	101,385,379*
1939 ...	87,473,789	October ...	84,568,163*	91,313,614*	.....
1940 ...	82,110,900	November ...	85,109,821*	91,499,345*	.....
1941 ...	87,750,208	December ...	84,884,131	91,657,997*	.....

* Approximate.

† Including accrued interest.

† Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £9,446,000 as at 30th June, 1942, including £300,000 net receipts in June.

14. TRADING BANKS*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.

June Quarter.	Deposits.	Cash in Aust.†	Treasury Bills.	Govt. and Municipal Securities.	Advances.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 ...	323,964	30,455	25,041	22,257	290,776
1940 ...	353,124	38,986	41,760	41,857	286,784
1941 ...	307,702	36,365	41,103	61,251	283,054
1942 ...	389,112	75,379‡	39,559	56,278	269,944

* Nine Private Banks.

† Exclusive of London Funds.

‡ Includes Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.

15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

September Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Total.		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 ...	50,041	64,567	114,608	124,190	(—) 9,582
1940 ...	62,338	65,025	127,363	119,228	8,135
1941 ...	71,129	64,851	135,980	114,936	21,044
1942 ...	80,865	62,749	143,614	107,735	35,879

(—) Denotes an excess of Advances over Deposits.

16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January	66.4	76.7	67.5	66.5	82.7	90.3	92.0	89	101	97	98	110	117	123
February	69.2	77.4	75.6	75.5	88.9	82.0	97.1	86	101	96	96	110	114	123
March	69.9	77.2	82.6	80.5	87.8	89.4	102.6	85	98	95	93	107	110	119
April	63.5	80.6	75.7	70.7	84.3	86.9	95.4	87	103	102	98	111	111	125
May	68.4	76.1	82.9	82.0	90.2	106.3	98.9	86	100	103	100	111	117	125
June	69.5	79.2	86.8	80.3	94.5	97.4	116.6	87	103	106	101	115	123	133
July	65.1	75.0	70.5	71.2	94.6	98.9	99.7	85	97	101	98	116	125	130
August	61.9	70.0	72.9	74.9	83.6	87.0	99.0	86	98	101	99	118	123	135
September	68.1	79.8	77.6	74.9	84.5	94.9	105.6	87	101	99	99	117	124	134
October	76.6	80.1	79.5	78.0	90.1	101.8	...	91	101	101	100	113	123	...
November	79.7	81.3	82.7	86.1	93.5	99.6	...	96	103	102	102	114	124	...
December	84.3	83.9	88.1	91.7	100.1	104.9	...	99	101	102	106	115	124	...
Year	842.6	937.3	942.4	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	...	89	101	101	100	113	120	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1934.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
January ...	100	103	101	96	93	100	110	119	125	136	141	141
February ...	100	105	98	97	95	100	112	122	125	135	142	145
March ...	100	102	101	97	95	99	111	121	130	130	143	146
April...	100	104	100	96	96	101	110	119	125	137	141	145
May ...	100	106	100	94	95	100	110	122	128	128	146	140
June ...	100	103	100	97	99	103	114	127	131	135	150	152
July ...	100	105	99	96	97	100	112	126	134	139	149	155
August ...	100	106	100	94	97	103	107	128	135	137	151	156
September ...	100	108	98	94	97	101	113	123	134	134	151	166
October ...	100	109	97	94	96	104	113	121	135	137	154	...
November ...	100	109	96	95	97	104	116	124	136	139	152	...
December ...	100	105	98	97	99	106	116	124	131	138	153	...
Year ...	100	105	99	96	96	102	112	123	131	135	148	...

22. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES.

(SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100 in all cases. Australian Currency.

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter (Local Sales).	Non- Rural.]]
1911	100	100	100	100
1929	162	140	204	184
1931	105	70	154	180
1932	96	88	140	177
1934	147	77	133	167
1935	128	92	142	165
1936	168	120	142	165
1937	193	148	146	173
1938	129	101	157	172
1939	135	73	160	175
1940	158½	112	160	195
1941	158½	113	160	213
1939—August ...	128	64	160	172
1941—March ...	158½	113	160	207
June ...	158½	113	160	213
September ...	158½	113	160	216
December ...	158½	113	160	224
1942—January ...	158½	113	160	225
March... ..	158½	113	168	225
April	158½	113	168	226
May	158½	113	168	230
June	158½	113	168	231
July	182½	113	168	233
August	182½	113	168	233
September ...	182½	113	168	238

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

Parities in January, 1929 = 100
in all cases.

Average Rates of Exchange.†

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‡ Approximate; the above table expresses in the form of an index the amount of currency of the country first mentioned required to buy a fixed quantity of the second-named country's currency.

§ Based on price paid by British Government for the Australian clip.

§ Based on price paid by British Government for the Australian ship.

23. WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS OVERSEA.

	Year 1939.	Year 1940.	Year 1941.	1942.					
				Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.
Great Britain—Board of Trade (1930 = 100) ...	102.8	136.6	152.6	158.5	158.8	159.6	160.7	159.8	159.8
United States—Irrving Fisher (1926 = 100) ...	80.9	83.6	93.5	102.8	103.7	105.7	106.5	106.6	108.3

24. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1929 ...	2	0.57	21	14 5	25	19 5	200	11 5	4	4 11
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 2
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942—March ...	2	4.71	21	11 11	22	0 6	289	6 10	10	9 0
May ...	2	4.71	23	12 0	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
June ...	2	4.63	20	13 4	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
July ...	2	4.63	21	5 10	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
August ...	2	4.63	20	16 7	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0

25. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1941—Sept. ...	227.7	177.2	141.5	127.9	253.2	174.9	191.3
Dec. ...	204.2	160.1	137.8	118.2	240.8	161.2	171.2
1942—Feb. †	186.5	148.1	132.6	115.0	223.8	150.0	156.5
Mar. †	173.0	138.3	120.8	110.3	213.7	140.6	147.0
April ...	175.6	139.2	118.0	111.6	212.0	141.0	150.1
May ...	178.2	143.3	114.9	115.0	213.2	143.0	152.8
June ...	184.2	145.5	117.4	116.4	216.3	146.7	157.3
July ...	191.2	150.1	118.3	115.3	216.6	150.2	162.6
Aug. ...	198.3	150.0	120.2	117.3	223.7	153.4	167.2
Sept. ...	213.1	156.4	124.2	126.1	237.6	162.1	178.7

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. † The highest point of the index, prior to the slump, was reached in April, 1929, the lowest in September, 1931, and the highest point in March, 1937.

† Under National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations dealing in shares was suspended on 19th February, 1942, and was resumed, on a restricted basis, on 11th March, 1942.

The population of N.S.W. at 31st March, 1942, was 2,822,257 or 39 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1940, 1,310,530).

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